

EDWARD GEORGE BIESTER, JR.
REVIEW PANEL MEMBER FOR MILITARY COMMISSIONS

BIOGRAPHY

Edward George Biester, Jr., will serve as a member of the review panel for military commissions. Review panel members are responsible for reviewing military commission proceedings. The review panel may consider written and oral arguments by the defense, the prosecution and the government of the nation of which the accused is a citizen. If the review panel finds that a material error of law occurred, the review panel will return the case for further proceedings, including dismissal of charges. The review panel may also make recommendations to the secretary of defense with respect to the disposition of the case before it, including sentencing matters.

Since 1980, Biester has served as judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County, Pa., Seventh Judicial District. He served as assistant district attorney for Bucks County from 1958 to 1964. He was elected and served as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from 1967 to 1977. He served as attorney general for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from 1979 to 1980.

Biester graduated from Wesleyan University in 1952 and Temple University School of Law in 1955.

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